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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF OLADE'S FOURTH TECHNICAL EXPERTS MEETING

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1. PRESS AUGUST 2 REPORTED FUNDAMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF OLADE'S FOURTH TECHNICAL EXPERTS MEETING ARE: (1) CREATION OF FINANCIAL ORGANISM AND (2) FORMATION OF LATIN AMERICAN ENERGY MARKET. OLADE PLANS CONVENE A MEETING OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS IN MEXICO CITY SEPT. 3-5 PRIOR TO MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING OF OLADE TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF THESE TWO PROPOSALS.

2. TECHNICAL EXPERTS MEETING ATTENDED BY OFFICIAL DELEGATES OF FOLLOWING MEMBER COUNTRIES: BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CUBA, ECUADOR, JAMAICA, MEXICO, PANAMA, PERU, DOMINICAN REP., TRINIDAD-TOBAGO AND URUGUAY. REPRESENTATIVES OF ARGENTINA, COSTA RICA AND VENEZUELA ALSO ATTENDED AS OBSERVERS. SECRETARY GENERAL OF ARPEL, CARLOS VANRELL, ALSO PRESENT.

3. MEETING ALSO APPROVED PERSONNEL BY-LAWS AND 1976 BUDGET FOR OLADE'S PERMANENT SECRETARIAT: RECOMMENDED STUDY OF VARIOUS ALTERN-

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ATIVES IN REGARD TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO OLADE OF MEMBER COUNTRIES;

APPROVED PROJECT OF IMMUNITY AND PRIVELEGE OF OLADE AND
TOOK NOTE OF SAME PROJECT TO BE SIGNED WITH ECUADOR; AND APPROVED
PROJECT TO PERFORM INVENTORY OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY IN THE PRODUCTION
OF ENERGY (PROPOSED BY MEXICO).

4. MEETING RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE WHEREBY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS NOM-
INATE DIRECTLY CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF OLADE PERMANENT
SECRETARIAT. BOLIVIA PROPOSED CARLOS MIRANDA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
HYDROCARBONS, MIN ENERGY & HYDROCARBONS, FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
POSITION; ECUADOR PROPOSED ALFONSO ARCOS AND JAMAICA VIVIAN SMITH.

5. GOB PROMISED EMBASSY COPIES FINAL REPORT OF MEETING WHICH WE
WILL FORWARD DEPARTMENT AND MEXICO CITY WHEN RECEIVED.

6. COMMENT: CARLOS MIRANDA SEEMS HAVE INSIDE TRACK FOR
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF OLADE, BASED ON HIS PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS.
MIRANDA GRADUATE STANFORD UNIVERSITY, BOLIVIA'S LEADING
PETROLEUM ENGINEER, AND ONE OF GOB'S BEST NEGOTIATORS IN PETROLEUM
MATTERS. BOLIVIAN DELEGATES BELIEVED ARCOS LESS LIKELY BECUASE
ECUADOR ALREADY HAS OLADE PERMANENT SITE AND SMITH'S TECHNICAL
QUALIFICATIONS WEAKER.

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